

Redmond Design Day – Participant Comments

What Kinds of New Homes and Residential Developments Would You Like to See in Redmond's Future?

Group A

- Diversity of housing to serve economic/intergenerational needs (including accessory dwelling units)
- Lifelong ability to live in Redmond
- Inter-generational needs/lifestyle
- Keep diversity of ages/economics
- Barrier-free/accessible
- Single-story/two-story with two homes
- Mother-in-Law
- Creative zoning to allow housing other than traditional single family
- Need a person to focus on proactively helping residents with redevelopment or additions
- Well designed density (create/maintain neighborhoods)
- Make other improvements for quality of life if increase density
- Maintain character
- Locations within walking distance of services
- Condo with pea patch to keep "yard"
- Privacy in backyards – design controls
- Downtown - housing/retail works well
- Overlake Transit Oriented Development – very successful
- Overlake – mixed use/ability to use transit/walk to services/shared courtyard

Group B

- The answers vary across the City and neighborhoods
- Need to have options for housing (diversity) – needs to be attractive, example: starter homes, attached, single level, cottages with common area, varied housing sizes
- Good common space is critical – implement changes to zoning and design guidelines
- Need more opportunity for denser development – must be appropriately scaled to the neighborhood
- Need to have options for housing (diversity)
- Needs to be attractive
- Starter homes
- Attached okay
- Single level
- 1,200 – 1,800 square feet
- Like cottages with common areas
- Need varied housing sizes
- Implement changes to zoning and design guidelines to allow "cottages" which provide good common space – critical
- Need more opportunity for denser development
- Where does denser housing go?
- More density in single-family neighborhoods; must be appropriately scaled

Group C

- Affordable housing
- Cottages
- Co-housing
- New development needs to be compatible with existing

Group D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown residential development • Keep green space downtown, not high rise • Cluster residential development – save environment • Low impact development • Diversity • Community space • Diversity – style, size • Mother-in-law apartments • Vertical mixed-use with housing • Infill • Variety, including smaller cottages • Greater affordable housing opportunities • Multi-use – gas station (for example) • Redevelopment • Zoning flexibility/mix • Change things • What existing neighborhoods think matters • Care with “inappropriate” • Out of the box – allow other things, not just houses • Buffers
Group E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable “super-affordable” • Innovative to offer choices • Senior housing • Housing for families • More options under \$200,000 • More Rivertrail type density (R20) • Near local shops and other amenities
Group F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase housing supply • More smaller homes (1,000 – 1,500 square feet) • Building “too big” • Mix higher density with existing various home sizes • Higher density should not always line busy arterials • More ADA options • More retirement options with better affordability • Housing for seniors • Neighborhood commercial
Group G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkability, connections, cut throughs • Encourage clustering and smaller homes instead of mega homes • Need good examples of infill to encourage changing neighborhoods • Variety of options • Housing over parking • Stores downtown create intimacy • Keep local character and charm

Group H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character, fits with Redmond, not all the same • Nature incorporated; more green space • No pastel colors – “Redmond colors” • Varying designs • Smaller condominiums/apartments built up instead of out
Group A	<p><u>What Kinds of Businesses and Job Opportunities Do You Want to Encourage?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biotech • Educational • Cultural • University • Medical/research • Look at other cities that have undergone major economic transition (Southern California, Pennsylvania)
Group B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued office development • Neighborhood commercial would be good if appropriately scaled to the neighborhood • Continue to develop manufacturing/industrial
Group C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood commercial - could become community centers • Mixed use • Not office towers
Group D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti box • Target little places • Tilt up • Biomedical • Encourage hi-tech opportunities and clustering • Diversity of choices • Diverse job opportunities • Need job opportunities throughout wage spectrum; low and medium wage jobs • Different looks for different uses • Convenience • Closer to street; pedestrian friendly; transit friendly • Retail – customer and transportation opportunities; not retail opportunities for employees
Group E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family wage jobs • Keep existing heavy industry • Be a magnet for high-tech bio-tech and clean industry • Understand retail needs for downtown
Group F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow growth • Rezone commercial to housing • Turn downtown to more residential

<p>Group G</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage biotech • Need more community gathering places • Need recreation for younger (elementary) kids • Use the railroad right-of-way for business and community gathering and corridor • Neighborhood Commercial ideas: restaurants, video, Ma/Pa grocery, bakery, bookstore, coffee-Ma/Pa • Encourage small businesses • How many of you work in Redmond? Plus/minus three out of eight • Don't want to lose Microsoft – some want them to leave
<p>Group H</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology • Small “Mom and Pops” • Overlake needs help • No more chains or boxes • Nightlife, nightlife • Activities for kids • Gas stations • Restaurants along river
<p>Group A</p>	<p><u>What's the Ideal Redmond Future in Transportation Terms? How Do You Want to Get to Where You Want to Go?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrow residential streets to slow traffic • Widen sidewalks • Regional plan (non-motorized) • Bear Creek extension – bypass • Have a vision for downtown – narrow lanes/slower traffic • Education Hill residential – downtown via some type of alternate mode
<p>Group B</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow traffic down – move high-speed traffic away from the downtown and neighborhoods • Shuttles every few minutes • Make City more bike and pedestrian friendly • More paths and bikeways away from roads • Need more ways to get to where you need to without a car • Physical barriers between traffic and bikes, especially on high-volume streets

Group C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive impact • Mini-bus system – shopping • Improved bike lane • Narrow streets • Change color/texture in crosswalks • Landscape medians • Better linkage to surrounding communities
Group D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More public transit • Ride-free zone • Improve frequency of transit • Integration of systems – rubber and rail • Easy access between neighborhood nodes and between centers; high capacity rail and integrated systems • Preserve rail road right of way for transportation • More bike lanes • Orientation of sewer grates to help bikes • More environmental-friendly road materials • Family friendly • Historic preservation
Group E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need good alternatives to get people out of cars • Protected bike paths and safe connected sidewalks and trails • Better transit service • Through streets and local streets
Group F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not high enough density for transit • Transit not meeting user route and schedule needs • Need more express routes to Seattle/light rail • Need one good bus company; at least same \$ system • Support goal of HOV • Could we have a “free-ride” zone – bus, vans, taxis • City parking lot/garage to a central location or bus to downtown • Make streets more walker friendly versus widening them • Support regional transportation that “tight lines” regional traffic from urban centers through Redmond, e.g., SR-520 • Parking – perimeter garages • Walking • Well-lit garage – appear safe (Redmond Town Center) -- not one monolithic garage – broken up to smaller parking facilities • 85th street sidewalks – very friendly • narrow sidewalks with high-speed traffic; no barriers • divert traffic, slow down traffic • current transit does not work – circuitous route – takes an hour to get from one place to another

Group G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed rail and regular schedule • Downtown shuttle service • Bypass for Redmond Ridge residents • Get people out of cars to reduce road trips
Group H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Above-ground walking • Trolley – from Redmond High School to Redmond Town Center
Group A	<p><u>What's Needed to Make it Work and to Keep Redmond a Special Place?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museum/history • Pedestrian connections • Public performance area not in Marymoor • Pedestrian overpass at Redmond Town Center – Marymoor (distinctive) • Activate spaces • Where is the history? Where can you find out about it? • No highness/pastoral - views
Group B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more parks if you are talking about higher density • More “mixed use” in parts of the City (smaller retail, concert space, etc.) • More development in the arts – fit in with Seattle/Puget Sound art scene • Continue office development • Events are important • Like the old downtown, maintain it, enhance it (improve) • Make City unique
Group C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space for arts • Identity • Partnership with schools • More pedestrian/bike-friendly downtown • Better link from downtown to Redmond Town Center • Low impact development to minimize offsite run-off (such as use of porous paving on parking lots, green roofs that absorb rainfall , drainage swales or areas rather than curbs
Group D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation and creativity • Citizen input • Diversity • Willingness to pay for “improvements” • Money for dedicated uses • Take more advantage of waterfront – lake and river • Open spaces • Walking paths • Connection to the major urban areas

Group E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Redmond a family-friendly community • Open space and trees • An aquatic center with a competition swimming pool (either upgrade existing or build new) • Additional recreational fields, including for soccer and baseball • Bring the community together • Be responsible citizens
Group F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we enhance livability? • Keep going with current vision and amenities = green space; north campus • Protect natural environments • Keep government open and accessible • Skate park • Derby Days • Parade • Fireworks • Redmond Lights • In our neighborhoods we like schools; kids; rebuild schools; diversity • Would like economic plans like architectural design • Town is being serviced by people not living in Redmond due to cost – not ideal situation • Traffic calming should separate pedestrians from cars (e.g. arterials – Avondale)
Group G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike trails • More Riverwalk • Public places to take advantage of vistas • One to two blocks of uses along the river • Work to keep small businesses • Educational facility
Group H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature • Trolley designation – Bear Creek, Marymoor, Microsoft, Redmond High School, Redmond Junior High, Avondale • Deliver to bus stops